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1. 20 sailors wearing a uniform similar to that of the Greek Navy. However, he does not know any details about the composition, organization, or disposition of the Albanian Navy. He did not see any ship belonging to the Albanian Navy except the supply ship that took food and water to Saseno Island and to other guard posts.
2. Induction into the Navy was made at the same time as that into the infantry. The selection was made by the Recruiting Offices. Service in the Navy is for three years, just as in the Border Guard units.
3. The sailors [REDACTED] like those of the infantry.
4. Prior to December 1950, no work was being done in the harbor at Vlone to improve port facilities and capacity.
5. In the harbor at Shengjin, which informant visited in September 1949, he saw about 100 to 200 workmen working on improving the harbor. They were using lighters to carry stone being used to build out the harbor. They were also building a wooden pier, about 40 x 40 meters, which was supported on piles in the sea.
6. The additions were intended to enlarge the harbor to 200 x 200 meters, so that large ships could approach. [REDACTED] shallow, and before the war ships of any great size were not able to come alongside. The port does not have any sheds, warehouses, or other installations, except one small crane. This crane is one of the two that were there before the war.

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7. [REDACTED] of ships in the two harbors at Vlone and Shengjin. On 25 December 1950, [REDACTED] Durres, he saw in the harbor a ship painted light blue with the letters BULGARIA on the stern. [REDACTED] had not brought any cargo, but had been there for 10 days while it loaded chrome ore.

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